

# EXHIBIT I

# THE MASON LAW FIRM, PC

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## FIRM PROFILE

The Mason Law Firm is a civil litigation firm dedicated to representing plaintiffs in class action lawsuits against corporations and others who cause widespread injuries to large numbers of innocent persons. We represent various groups suffering injury, including those harmed by consumer fraud, environmental disasters, toxic torts, and defective products.

## Gary E. Mason

### EXPERIENCE

#### **The Mason Law Firm, P.C.**

2002 - present

Founding and Senior Partner in law firm specializing in class actions and mass torts with offices in Washington, DC and New York. Firm specializes in complex litigation with an emphasis on consumer class actions, product liability and toxic torts.

#### **Cohen Milstein Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.L.C.**

1990 - 2002

Partner and Co-Chair, Product Liability and Consumer Protection Practice Group.

#### **Skadden Arps Meagher & Flom**

1988 - 1990

Litigation Associate.

#### **U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska**

1987-1988

Clerk, Hon. Andrew J. Kleinfeld.

### NOTABLE CASES

*Staton v. IMI South, et al.* (Kentucky Cir. Ct) (class settlement for repair of defective concrete used in the construction of thousands of homes in Kentucky).

*Maytag Neptune Washing Machines* (class action settlement for owners of Maytag Neptune washing machines).

*Roberts v. Fleet Bank (R.I.), N.A.* , Civil Action No. 00-6142 (E.D.Pa.) (\$4 million dollar settlement on claims that Fleet changed the interest rate on consumers' credit cards which had been advertised as "fixed.")

*Bruce, et. al. v. County of Rensselaer et. al.*, Case no. 02-CV-0847 (N.D.N.Y.) (class settlement of claims that corrections officers and others employed at the Rensselaer County Jail (NY) engaged in the practice of illegally strip searching all individuals charged with only misdemeanors or minor offenses).

*Baugh v. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company* (class settlement of claims that Goodyear sold defective tires that are prone to tread separation when operated at highway speeds. Goodyear agreed to provide a combination of both monetary and non-monetary consideration to the Settlement Class in the form of an Enhanced Warranty Program and Rebate Program.)

*Stalcup, et al. v. Thomson, Inc.* (class settlement of claims that certain GE, PROSCAN and RCA televisions may have been susceptible to temporary loss of audio when receiving broadcast data packages that were longer than reasonably anticipated or specified).

*Hurkes Harris Design Associates, Inc., et al. v. Fujitsu Computer Products of America, Inc.* (settlement provides \$42.5 million to pay claims of all consumers and other end users who bought certain Fujitsu Desktop 3.5" IDE hard disk drives ("HDDs") or personal computers or other systems containing these hard disk drives).

*Galanti v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company* (D.N.J. 2004) (\$322 million settlement for homeowners with allegedly defective Entran II radiant heating systems installed in the United States and Canada).

*Synthetic Stucco (EIFS) Litigation* (represented over 100 individuals homeowners in lawsuits against homebuilders and EIFS manufacturers)

*Diet Drug (Fen Phen) Litigation* (represented over 100 individuals with personal injuries from exposure to diet drugs)

*Posey, et al v Dryvit Systems, Inc.*, Case No. 17,715-IV (Tn. Cir. Ct) (Co-Lead Counsel; national class action settlement for tens of thousands of homeowners with defective siding systems)

*In re Swanson Creek Oil Spill Litigation*, No. 00-1429 (D. Md) (Lead Counsel; \$2.25 million settlement of litigation arising from largest oil spill in history of State of Maryland).

*Baird, et al. V. Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc.*, No. 00-L-00701 (Ill. Sup. Ct. 2001) (defective television sets; \$100 million settlement).

*In re Synthetic Stucco Litigation*, Civ. Action No. 5:96-CV-287-BR(2)(E.D.N.C.) (member of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee; settlements with four EIFS Manufacturers for North Carolina homeowners valued at more than \$50 million).

*Cox v. Shell Oil Co.*, Civ. No. 18,844 (Ch. Ct., Obion Cty., Tenn.) (defective polybutylene pipe; \$85 million settlement).

*Stockbridge Community Association v. Star Enterprise, No. 108514 (Cir. Ct., Fairfax Cty., Va.)* (represented over 200 homeowners in individual cases arising from leak from petroleum storage facility ; +\$50 million settlement and +\$200 million in property value protection).

*In re the Exxon Valdez*, No. A89-095 Civ. (D. Alaska) (represented Alaska Native Class; \$20 million settlement; \$5 billion punitive damages).

*Morris v. Osmose Wood Preserving Inc.*, Civil No. 069721 (Cir. Ct., Montgomery Cty., Md) (defective FRT plywood).

*In re Catfish Antitrust Litig.*, Master File No. 2:92CV073-D-O, MDL No. 928 (D. Miss.).

*In re Carbon Dioxide Antitrust Litig.*, Case No. 92-MD-940-CIV-ORL-3L23, MDL Docket No. 940 (M.D. Fl.).

## HONORS

Selected by *Law Dragon* as one of 500 lawyers "who are carrying the profession to new frontiers." *The Law Dragon 500 New Stars, New Worlds* (June 2006).

Profiled in "Young Guns: 40 Lawyers Under 40 Who Are Making Names For Themselves," *Washingtonian* (Sept. 1998).

Listed in Who's Who in American Law.

Public Justice Achievement Award, Trial Lawyers For Public Justice (July 1997).

Martindale-Hubbell – AV Rating.

## ARTICLES

"Environmental Contamination Treatise: Overview of the Litigation Process," in R. Simons, Ph.D, WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PROPERTY (Environmental Law Institute, 2005).

"New Studies Provide Further Proof Diet Drugs Cause Valve Damage," *Fen-Phen Litigation Strategist* (Nov. 1998).

"How to Evaluate a Potential Product Liability Class Action," *Leader's Product Liability Law & Strategy* (Feb. 1998).

"Don't Judge All Class Actions By Some Failures," *The National Law Journal* (Jan. 19, 1998).

"A Management Question: Recent Decisions Tougher Standards for Class Certification," *Legal Times* (Feb. 18, 1997).

"The Reaction to Class Action," *Legal Times* (July, 1997).

"Nuisance and the Recovery of 'Stigma' Damages: Eliminating the Confusion," *The Environmental Law Reporter* (Feb. 1996).

## SEMINARS

Panelist, Second Annual Judicial Symposium on Critical Issues in Construction Defects Litigation, AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies (Washington, D.C. 2006).

Panelist, State of the Union on Construction Defect Litigation, Mealy's Construction Defect and Mold Litigation Conference (Phoenix, Nov. 2005).

Moderator, Construction Defects as Mass Torts: Common Issues/Common Problems," (ATLA Convention, 2005).

Moderator, Construction Defect Class Actions, Mealy's Construction Defect and Mold Litigation Conference (Lake Las Vegas, Dec. 2004).

Panelist, Emerging Issues in Construction Law (ATLA Convention, 2004)

Faculty/Speaker, Mealey's Construction Defects in 2002: EIFS, CCA Treated Wood and Mold (Oct. 14, 2002).

Panelist, "Litigating Mortgage Servicing Issues," NCLC Consumer Rights Litigation Conference (Baltimore, M.D., Oct. 28, 2001).

Panelist Faculty, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass Tort Litigation Institute (Georgetown University Law Center, Nov. 4-5, 1999).

Panelist/Faculty, ABA Third Annual Symposium on Class Actions (Washington, D.C. October 9, 1999).

Speaker, "Inspection Issues Symposium: Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems," US Inspect (June, 1999).

Panelist, "Road Warriors and Their Tools," Association of Legal Administrators Educational Expo (June, 1999).

Panelist, NOVASHOC EIFS Seminar (May, 1999).

Guest Speaker, Advanced EIFS Litigation Seminar, North Carolina Bar Association, (May, 1999).

Guest Speaker, "ADR and Mass Torts," Georgetown Law Center (Apr. 5, 1999).

## **EDUCATION**

**1984** Bachelor of Arts (Honors, Phi Beta Kappa)  
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

**1987** J.D. Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Bar of the District of Columbia  
State Bar of New York  
State Bar of Maryland

Supreme Court of the United States  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

## **ATTORNEY PROFILES**

### **Alexander E. Barnett**

Alexander E. Barnett specializes in class actions involving consumer fraud, construction product defects, antitrust violations and toxic torts. Representative cases include: *In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1607; *In re PPA*, MDL No. 1407 (claims by users of unsafe over-the-counter medicines); *In re Diet Drug Litigation* (Fen-Phen), MDL No. 1203; and *Harman v. Lipari* (Superfund site in New Jersey). Mr. Barnett also specializes in mass torts, representing individuals who have been injured by the drugs Redux and Pondimin, Baycol, Serzone, PPA, Vioxx, Bextra and Celebrex. Mr. Barnett served as counsel for the cities of Boston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and San Francisco against the handgun industry and as counsel for the City of Milwaukee in a case against the lead pigment industry. Previously, Mr. Barnett was a senior associate at the firm of Cohen Milstein Hausfeld & Toll, where he was in the firm's Consumer Protection and Unsafe Drugs and Environmental Threats practice groups. Mr. Barnett is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and St. John's University School of Law. He is admitted to the bars of New York and the District of Columbia, and practices in the firm's New York office.

### **Donna F. Solen**

Donna F. Solen specializes in complex litigation and class actions involving consumer protection and product defect matters. Ms. Solen also specializes in mass tort litigation against pharmaceutical manufacturers. Prior to joining The Mason Law Firm in 2006, Ms. Solen was a senior associate at Cohen Milstein Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.L.C., one of the largest plaintiffs' law firms in the country. Ms. Solen served as counsel in, among other things, *In re Lupron Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL No. 1430 (D. Mass.) (\$150 million class action settlement of claims that the manufacturer artificially inflated the price of Lupron, which is primarily used for the treatment of prostate cancer); *Strugano v. Nextel Communications, Inc., et al.*, (Superior Court, Los Angeles County, CA) (\$11-\$53 million California class action settlement of claims that Nextel failed to provide adequate or reasonable notice of unilateral changes to subscriber agreements) and *Howell v. State Farm et al.*, (D.Md.) (representing flood policy holders who were denied the full benefits of their government-backed insurance policies following Hurricane Isabel).

Ms. Solen graduated from the Florida State University (B.S. magna cum laude, 1994) and obtained her law degree from the University of Florida College of Law (J.D. with honors, 1997). While at the University of Florida, Ms. Solen served as editor-in-chief of the Florida Journal of International Law and was the author of a note entitled "ISO 14000: Emerging International Environmental Law" 10 Fla. J. Int'l L. 275 (1995) and a comment entitled "Forum Non Conveniens and the International Plaintiff" 9 Fla. J. Int'l L. (1994).

Ms. Solen is admitted to practice in Florida and the District of Columbia.

### **Nicholas A. Migliaccio**

Nicholas Migliaccio joined the Mason Law Firm as an associate in 2003. Prior to joining the Mason Law Firm, Mr. Migliaccio was an associate at Environmental Protection International, a firm specializing in environmental matters. He received his BA cum laude from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1997, and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001, where he was an Editor of the Georgetown International Environmental Law Review.

Mr. Migliaccio is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.

## ARTICLES

"Environmental Contamination Treatise: Overview of the Litigation Process," in R. Simons, Ph.D, WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PROPERTY (Environmental Law Institute, 2005).

## NOTABLE CASES

*Nnadili v. Chevron U.S.A., Inc.*, 435 F. Supp. 2d 93 (D.D.C. 2006).

## Charles A. Schneider

Charles A. Schneider was a sole practitioner in Washington from 1994 to 2002, specializing in commercial litigation and class actions. During this time, he has been one of class counsel in *In re Swanson Creek Oil Spill Litigation* and *Cox v. Shell Oil Company* and has worked with other counsel on consumer suits involving fire retardant plywood, high temperature plastic venting, synthetic stucco, and pressure treated wood. He has also represented the plaintiff in a defamation suit against a major television news network. Other areas in which Mr. Schneider has represented clients include disputes over leaking underground petroleum storage tanks, construction defects, real estate brokerage commissions, and real property taxation.

Prior to starting his own firm in 1994, Mr. Schneider was a partner with Sills & Brodsky, P.C., in Washington where his practice included class actions, construction suits, environmental litigation, real estate disputes, and administrative law. From 1983 until 1987, Mr. Schneider was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as lead counsel in a number of cases brought by the federal government to protect the constitutional rights of persons institutionalized in state and local prisons, mental institutions, and mental retardation facilities

Mr. Schneider was an associate with Haight, Gardner, Poor & Havens from 1978 to 1983, where he worked on the *Saigon C-5 Aircrash Disaster* litigation and various railroad, motor carrier and ocean shipping matters. He was Assistant General Counsel of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners from 1977 to 1978 and was an attorney in the Section of Finance, Interstate Commerce Commission from 1974 to 1977

Mr. Schneider received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1968. He served on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and Memphis, Tennessee, until receiving an honorable discharge in 1971. He graduated from Memphis State University School of Law in 1974 and is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. He is a member of the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.